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REMARKS

Claims 1-5 were originally presented in the subject application. Claims 1-5 were amended and claim 6 added in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application. Claim 7 was amended in an Amendment and Response to Office Action dated February 5, 2004. No claims have herein been amended or canceled. Claims 8-31 have hereinabove been added to claim previously unclaimed subject matter. Therefore, claims 1-31 remain in this case.

The addition of new matter has been scrupulously avoided. In that regard, support for the addition of claims 8-31 can be found in the specification at, for example, page 40, line 26 to page 43, line 6.

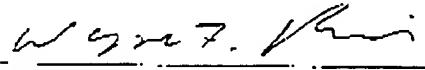
Applicants respectfully request examination of the new claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims of the subject application define patentable subject matter and earnestly requests allowance of claims 1-31.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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